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The following is reported on personalities engaged in uranium mining activities in East Saxony.

1. Gradnikov, the assistant of Prof. Kreiter of the mining Academy, Moscow, is now reported working on the Czech side (Joachimsthal area) of the uranium mines. Prof. Kreiter was the first one to approach the German geological experts at the Freiberg Mining Academy for the purpose of scientific exploitation.
2. Starik, a geologist, member of the Academy of Sciences, Moscow, who used to be consultant of the Wismut AG is back in Moscow.
3. Dr. Watznauer is now chief geologist of Object 9 whose administration is in Ausg. Watznauer is in a peculiar situation. Technically, he is still a PW of the Soviets and, although his movements are not actually restricted, he is kept under constant surveillance. He has two children and lives at Oberschlema. He used to be with the Geologische Landesanstalt at Freiberg, was then drafted, captured in Bohemia and sent to Soviet Russia. After some time, he became ill and was returned under guard to Germany and employed at Object 21, now Object 9.
4. Chief geologist of Object 6 whose administration is at Freithal is a Russian woman named Nekrasova. The area of Object 6 (Freithal-Baerenhecke) shows mainly shale and coal deposits. Low grade uranium bearing ore mined there is shipped by freight car to the former chemical Schicht plant in Aussig. This firm has sufficient quantities of lye for the processing of the ores.
5. A new ore dressing plant is being constructed at Freiberg and the ore dressing plant at Pechtelsgruen-Longenfeld (Object 31) is being expanded and will receive an acid installation (Laugerei).

Comment: Watznauer formerly was chief geologist of Object 21 at Oberschlema. This is explained by the fact that Object 21 was absorbed by Object 9 in May 1949.

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